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Filed: December 20, 2001 : Examiner: James M. Hewitt  
For: **SELF-ALIGNING COUPLING ASSEMBLY**

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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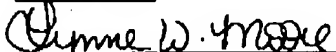
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated March 3, 2003, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following species:

- a. Species I: FIG. 2;
- b. Species II: FIG. 3; and
- c. Species III: FIGS. 4-7.

Applicants hereby elect Species I comprising FIG. 2. It is believed that at least claims 1-10, 13-14, 19-20, 24-25 and 30-31 read on Species I. The Election is made with traverse on the basis of the Applicants' belief that it would not be unreasonably burdensome for the Examiner to consider all of the claims as originally filed.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the election requirement,  
and further examination on the merits is requested.

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